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SUBJ: CELEBRATION OF ESTABLISHMENT OF US-DANISH RELATIONS

1. DURING MEETING HERE THIS WEEK OF US-DENMARK GREENLAND COMMITTEE, ECONOMIC COUNSELOR DANISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON CHRISTIAN HAXTHAUSEN SPOKE TO US ABOUT DANISH EMBASSY PLANS IN OCTOBER TO CELEBRATE ESTABLISHMENT US-DANISH RELATIONS. HAXTHAUSEN NOTED THAT US HAS ENJOYED UNBROKEN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH DENMARK LONGER THAN WITH ANY OTHER COUNTRY. ACCORDING TO RECORDS AVAILABLE TO US, THIS RELATIONSHIP ESTABLISHED OCTOBER 12, 1801 WHEN FIRST DANISH MINISTER TO WASHINGTON, PEDER BLICHER OLSEN, PRESENTED HIS LETTER OF CREDENCE.

2. HAXTHAUSEN SAID HIS EMBASSY HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH DEPARTMENT CONCERNING POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE AND/OR COLLABORATION OF USG IN SUCH A CELEBRATION. IT WOULD ASSIST US IN WHAT WE MIGHT PLAN HERE IF YOU COULD (1) CONFIRM THAT ABOVE DATE IS IN AGREEMENT WITH DEPARTMENT'S RECORDS, AND (2) WHAT, IF ANY, USG ACTION IS CONTEMPLATED FOR PARTICIPATION IN DANISH EMBASSY CELEBRATION.

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